

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3477 - HB 3428

February 13, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to promulgate rules for the operation of proprietary schools in Tennessee and sets a new regulatory fee collection scale for such schools.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

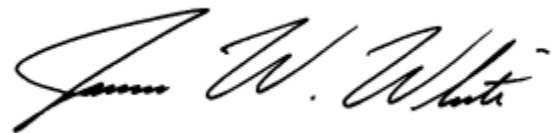
Increase State Revenue - \$141,600/Earmarked to THEC
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Tenn. Code Ann. §49-7-2014 authorizes THEC to set fees annually to collect revenue sufficient to cover the costs of this regulatory function.
- The increase in fees to be collected by THEC will be accordance with the fee schedule for postsecondary school authorization set out in the bill.
- Under the current fee schedule, an amount of \$504,390 is collected from proprietary schools.
- Under the proposed fee schedule, an increase in state revenue of \$141,610 will be collected from proprietary schools for postsecondary school authorization.
- The increase in revenue generated from such increase in fees will be used to carry out the provisions for the operation of proprietary schools.
- Any cost to THEC for the promulgation of rules can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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